

## **East Alabama Spring Convocation Report**

The ECW of St James, Alex City hosted the Spring Convocation on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting began with Holy Eucharist at 10 AM in the nave. Afterwards, The Rev. Roger D. Allen, the new rector of St James, presented a wonderful power-point lecture on his experiences during hurricane Katrina and the horrific months that followed. Roger was priest in charge of the Chapel of the Holy Comforter in the Gentilly community of New Orleans that was so devastated by the hurricane and the flooding. Holy Comforter had the only working toilet for miles around which made the church a popular place to seek refuge.

Roger's presentation and photographs were very informative and powerful; his clear, concise documentation of events cleared up a lot of media misinformation. Roger and the people of his former parish have indeed walked the walk and are continuing to do so. He is an excellent speaker.

After the program, lunch was served by the women of St James' ECW. (Their peanut butter/ pimento cheese ribbon sandwiches are amazing.) A business meeting followed immediately which mostly centered around the Fall Conference that will be held in Auburn on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fall Conference ---Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>---Auburn**

Everything for the conference is set and all the applications are either out or on the ECW webpages. Packets that were sent snail mail have been out since the first week of August. The conference center has allowed us another week for reservations, so the new date for rooms being held is Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage people in your convocation and in your home parish to come to the conference, the more the merrier!! Dr Gatta promises to be a wonderful speaker and the ladies of East Alabama will be disappointed if we don't have good attendance. Y'all come!!!